

Advertisement Closes

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Forestry Program Specialist (GFTL)

Pay Grade15

Salary

\$4,297.66 - \$5,941.50 Monthly

Employment Type

EXECUTIVE BRANCH | FULL TIME | ELIGIBLE FOR OVERTIME PAY | 18A | 37.5 HR/WK

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Hiring Agency

Energy & Environment Cabinet | Department for Natural Resources

Location

300 Sower Blvd

Frankfort, KY 40601 USA

The agency may authorize the selected candidate to telecommute. The agency may terminate or modify the telecommuting arrangement at any time.

Description

The mission of the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) is to improve the quality of life for all Kentuckians by protecting our land, air, and water resources by utilizing our natural resources in an environmentally conscientious manner. We do this by helping families connect with nature and preserving the Commonwealth's natural heritage; and by supporting innovative, resilient, and sustainable energy solutions that together bring economic benefit to the commonwealth.

If you are looking for a positive work environment and a career where you can make a difference in the environment we live in, then EEC is the cabinet for you. For more

information on what our cabinet has to offer, check out our YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWSuC43XqlHchYeQ66tP7tg> and our Careers page <https://eec.ky.gov/Pages/careers.aspx>

This is a grant funded time-limited (GFTL) position. This means it is a position that is paid entirely as the result of a grant. The duration of employment shall not exceed the life of the grant that funds the position. An employee appointed to a GFTL position is required to meet the minimum requirements for the classification. Further, an employee appointed to a GFTL position is designated as an unclassified (non-merit) employee. A GFTL employee is eligible to receive benefits at the same level as a classified (merit) employee in a permanent position.

By joining the Division of Forestry and Forest Management Branch and Stewardship, FIA, and Urban Section as a Forestry Program Specialist in Franklin County, you will have the opportunity to significantly contribute to ensuring the programmatic integrity of numerous forestry-related programs, and the consistent delivery of services to the public. During the performance of your assigned duties, you will interact on a daily and weekly basis with local, state, regional, and national partners with emphasis on urban and community forestry and the public, but with branch personnel, branch management, and the division's program staff.

Holders of the Forestry Program Specialist position will complete tasks such as:

- Implementing, coordinating, and monitoring all of the federal program requirements.
- Managing the state Arbor Day Program, Tree City and Tree Campus Programs, and providing technical forestry assistance to partners dealing directly with the Urban and Community Forestry Program.
- Developing educational forestry materials, and assisting with urban training and urban forestry initiatives.
- Seeking federal funding opportunities for specialized urban forestry projects.
- Preparing grant narratives, contractual agreements, accomplishment reports, and stormwater mitigation reports.
- Provide sustainable management goals and strategies for the urban forestry program.

Holders of this job will learn the following skills:

- Working with communities, higher educational organizations, healthcare institutions, K-12 schools and colleges within the Tree City and Tree Campus Programs.
- Working with state and federal urban initiatives, and developing Arbor Day Programs statewide.
- Promoting, developing, and managing the Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Desired candidates possess the following requisite skills or experience applicable to the position:

- Ability to work independently.
- Effective communication, organization, and documentation skills.
- Proficient knowledge and use of information technology and federal accomplishment reporting.
- Providing technical assistance with tree canopy, tree plantings, tree care, forest health issues, urban heat island, stormwater mitigation and the benefits of healthy community forests.
- Administer and monitor the state level - Urban Forestry Federal Grant Program.

EEC provides opportunities for development and upward movement. There is room to grow your skillset as you build your career. Come join our team and make an impact in the future of Kentucky. We look forward to reviewing your application.

EEC participates in E-Verify and will provide the federal government with your Form I-9 information to confirm that you are authorized to work in the U.S. EEC will only use E-Verify once you have accepted a job offer and completed the Form I-9. For more information on E-Verify, or if you believe that EEC has violated its E-Verify responsibilities, please contact Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at 888-897-7781 or <https://dhs.gov/e-verify>

#### Minimum Requirements

**EDUCATION:** Graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in forestry, natural or physical science.

**EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, OR SKILLS:** Must have four years of professional experience in forest products utilization, forest health, tree nursery and tree improvement, urban and community forestry, wildfire prevention and control, forest management stewardship

assistance, natural resource management, conservation or four years of professional experience as a forester.

**Substitute EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:** Graduate study in forestry or related field will substitute for the required experience on a year-for-year basis.

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**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (AGE, LICENSURE, REGULATION, ETC.):** Must possess a valid driver's license prior to appointment in this job classification. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must maintain any required licensure(s), certification(s), or other credentials for the length of employment in this job classification. Employing agency is responsible for ensuring employee possess and maintains required licensure(s), certification(s) or other credentials.

#### Working Conditions

Work includes both administrative duties, which may involve frequent contact with field personnel and other agencies, and field duties which involve outdoor work at the tree nursery or forestlands in general. Working outdoors may occur during adverse weather conditions. A moderate amount of travel is required, in and out of state.

If you have questions about this advertisement, please contact Pam Snyder at [pamela.snyder@ky.gov](mailto:pamela.snyder@ky.gov) or 502-782-7184.

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